sought the advice of the Central Vigilance Commission.

[*Translation*] 245 National Highway

Repair of Delhi-Calcutta Grand Trunk Road

5982. SHRI BHBANESHWAR PRASAD MEHTA: Will the Minister of SRFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Dhanbad-Sasaram portion of the Grand Trunk Road from Delhi to Calcutta is not traffic-worthy and due to the damage caused to the bridge at Varkaha in Hazaribagh district, traffic has been paralised for more tham one month;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to undertake immediate repairs of the road and the bridge; and

(c) the funds allocated for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a). No, Sir. However, due to damage to the diversion of the bridge under construction over Atka Nalla in Km. 326 of NH 2 on 19.7.1991, the traffic on National Highway had to be diverted through State Road.

(b) The traffic over Atka Nalla bridge has now been restored on 25.8.91. Strengthening works for distressed stretch of the road are also being taken up.

(c) No seperate funds have been allocated for these works. The expenditure would be met from the overall allocations for National Highways in the State.

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Repairing of National Highway No.5 Passing through Andhra Pradesh

5983. DR. K.V.R. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government for repairing the National Highways No.5 passing through Andhra Pradesh which is in a very bad condition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OFSURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): The extent of damages to the stretches of National Highway No. 5 in Andhra Pradesh affected by heavy rains and cyclones is being assessed and thereafter the proposals for repairs can be considered subject to the availability of funds.

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Meeting the Requirements of Handloom and Powerloom Industries

5984. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYYA SADUL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the existing cooperative cotton spinning mills in Maharashtra are able to meet the requirements of handloom and powerloom industries;

(b) if so, whether any assessment has been made by the Government in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the steps taken to meet the requirement of these industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a). The requirement of yarn of handloom and powerloom sectors is met not by the cooperative spinning mills alone, but by spinning mills in private as well pblic sector, as also the composite mills to the extent of availability of surplus available after captive consumption.

(b) to (d) As per the assessment made by the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) the annual requirement of yarn of handlooms and powerlooms working on cotton in the state of Maharashtra is 78 lakhs kg. and 2690 lakhs kg. respectively. There is no report of shortage of yarn. Creation of additional requirement of spindles during the 8th Five Year Plan period will be taken into account in the overall programme for the 8th Five Year Plan.

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247 **Alleppey Bypass**

5985. SHRI THAYIL JOHN ANJALOSE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which administrative and other sanctions were accorded to Alleppey bypass in kerala;

(b) in how many phases the work is proposed to be completed; and

(c) the amount allotted for different phases of the project; and

(d) the progress made so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c). Alleppey bypass on NH 47 in kerala is proposed to be completed in two phases. The dates of sanction for Alleppey bypass and the proposed allotment of funds are as under:-

Name of works	*Date of sanction*	*Proposed allotment for 1991-92 (Rs. in lakhs)*
1. LA for Phase I & II	13.12.79	Rs. 19.86
2. Sub-soil investigation for approaches of ROBs in Alleppey Bypass	16.10.89	Rs. 8.65
3. Construction of Alleppey by pass Phase I	28.3.90	Rs. 5.00

For Phase II there is a provision of Rs. 900.00 lakhs for sanction of estimate in the Annual Plan 1991-92.

(d) Land has already been acquired for both Phases of the bypass. Construction for Phase I is in progress and 25% progress has been achieved.

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Expansion of Nationalised/Commercial Banks

5986. SHRI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for the expansion of the nationalised/commercial banks;

(b) if so, the names of commercial banks which are proposed to be expanded during 1991-92;

(c) the number of new branches of these banks proposed to be set up during the above period, State-wise; and

(d) the location of the new branches of these banks proposed to be set up in Rajasthan?